



PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1648**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Glaucia PARANHOS-BACCALA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1648

Application No.: 09/319,156

Examiner: J. PARKIN

Filed: November 2, 1999

Docket No.: 103514

For: RETROVIRAL NUCLEIC MATERIAL AND NUCLEOTIDE FRAGMENTS, IN
PARTICULAR ASSOCIATED WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AND/OR
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, FOR DIAGNOSTIC, PROPHYLACTIC AND
THERAPEUTIC USES

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the February 7, 2006 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the personal interview conducted on July 20, and in light of the following remarks.

According to the Office Action, claims 1, 7-9, 14, 15, 28-30, 36-38, 40-42, 45-47, 49-51, and 60-66 are pending and currently under examination. However, claim 8 was canceled in the Amendment filed November 7, 2005. In addition, although it was withdrawn from consideration pursuant to a Restriction Requirement, claim 26 is still pending. Thus, the pending claims are claims 1, 7, 9, 14, 15, 26, 28-30, 36-38, 40-42, 45-47, 49-51, and 60-66.